Existing law provides that the Louisiana Architects Selection Board shall be composed of six members, four elected by licensed architects residing in this state, a representative of the user agency, and the director of facility planning and control.

New law retains existing law but adds two members for a total board membership of eight members with five elected, one each from five districts.

 The other additional member is the assistant director of facility planning and control. The districts are composed as follows:

(1) District 1: Orleans, Plaquemines, and St. Bernard.

(2 District 2: Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Terrebonne, and Washington.

(3) District 3: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, St. Helena, St. Martin, Tangipahoa, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.

(4) District 4: Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Grant, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Sabine, St. Landry, St. Mary, Vermilion, and Vernon.

(5) District 5: Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Red River, Richland, Tensas, Union, Webster, West Carroll, and Winn.

New law terminates effective midnight Sept. 14, 1999, the term of members serving on the board as of Sept. 14, 1999. Further authorizes and directs the La. State Board of Architectural Examiners to conduct an election for membership on the La. Architects Selection Board. Members elected pursuant to this election start their terms on Sept. 15, 1999.

Prior law relative to selection of professional services for public contracts did not apply to professional services contracts in which the estimated projected budget cost is $200,000 or less.

New law increases the maximum amount to $500,000.

Effective upon signature of governor (July 7, 1999).

(Amends R.S. 38:2311(A)(1)(a) and 2316)